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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This information disclosure statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(c), but before payment of the issue fee. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), this information disclosure statement includes the statement specified in § 1.97(e)(2) and the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

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The documents were first cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application of United States Application No. 09/967,259, now United States Patent 6,648,520, which is the *parent* application of the present application. The communication was made known to the undersigned on September 9, 2004.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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